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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. José Antonio QUADROS, Former Uruguayan
Ambassador to France, Great Britain, and
the Federal Republic of Germany

Mr. George Lister, Special Assistant for
Human Rights, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs

Mr. Donald Guerriero (Notetaker)

PLACE: Chancery

DATE: August 18, 1977

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Ambassador Quadros opened the conversation by providing Mr. Lister with a memorandum regarding the case of his daughter, Ana Inés Quadros, who is in Punta Rieles prison.

Mr. Lister asked him for what cause and the Ambassador replied that she is charged with subversive association, adding that she was first apprehended in Buenos Aires, where she was tortured, and later brought back to Uruguay. In reply to a question from Mr. Lister, Ambassador Quadros said that he had been unable to talk to the Government of Uruguay about the case of his daughter. He mentioned that he visits her every 15 days, but that he is unable to talk to her in private because there is always a military police-woman at his daughter's side. Mr. Lister inquired as to the health of his daughter and was told that she is in good health. In answer to another question, Ambassador Quadros said that the Uruguayan Government attempts to justify the incarceration of his daughter here through false stories regarding supposed subversive activities on her part.

Ambassador Quadros said that he had spent several months trying to locate his daughter after she first disappeared in Buenos Aires,

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and eventually he brought her case to the attention of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. He was preparing to go to Washington to talk to the Commission when, on October 28, 1976, the Government of Uruguay announced that his daughter was under arrest and showed her on television. The Ambassador feels that it was his proposed trip to Washington which brought about the uncovering of his daughter's presence in Uruguay.

The Ambassador said that his daughter was in Argentina because she was in the process of obtaining a divorce from her husband. He added that the husband had denounced her as a subversive in order to obtain custody of the children. He said that she had been active in student politics and was a friend of the late ex-Senator Michelini and Deputy Gutierrez Ruiz. The government, he said, has never recognized that his daughter was detained in Argentina and brought to Uruguay.

Mr. Lister asked what could be done about this problem, and the Ambassador replied that he thought that people such as his daughter should be allowed to leave the country. Mr. Lister asked if she had a visa and when told she did not, he suggested that it might be a good idea to have a visa, if that was possible.

The Ambassador said that he had gone to the UNHCR, but they were completely overworked and he knew that Amnesty International had also taken interest in the case of his daughter.

Mr. Lister suggested that perhaps the government has problems about releasing his daughter, fearing that if she leaves the country she may broadcast what happened to her and that perhaps it would be a more palatable solution if she was released here in Uruguay. Ambassador Quadros, when asked what he thought the U. S. Government could do, suggested that we might bring up her case to the Uruguayan Government; perhaps if she is freed it could be an example of humane treatment.

Mr. Lister explained that the U. S. Government wants good relations with all countries, but we also give very high priority to human rights and we want to help the victims of violations of human rights.

Mr. Lister told Ambassador Quadros that he would bring the case of the Ambassador's daughter to the attention of Assistant Secretary Todman in order that we determine what possibilities exist for assisting him in this problem. He promised that either he or someone from the Embassy will call to inform the Ambassador as to what we think we might do.

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The above case has been included in the Post's file of active human rights cases, and we will follow up with the GOU.

Enclosure: Memorandum submitted by Ambassador Quadros

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